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| Colorado State Standard | Learning Outcome |
| 4.3c **Explain** how to monitor and influence public policy (DOK 1-2) | Monitor and record the progress of three policies and log it over a large length of time. Then explain the process to the class and talk about how this policy was and could have been influenced by the public. |

Background: Current News on monitoring policy and how the public makes a difference.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/23/us/house-questions-homeland-security-program-on-social-media.html>

**Local Government Monitor Policies:** RMA and Local Governments

[http://www.qp.org.nz/monitoring/effective-monitor.php#whatmonitor](http://www.qp.org.nz/monitoring/effective-monitor.php%23whatmonitor)

How to Influence Policy – using MS as example:

<http://www.msif.org/docs/How_to_influence_public_policy.pdf>

BALLET INITATIVES **– when problems get to the Colorado Congress and the process the go through to determine**

**Use** [**http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CGA-LegislativeCouncil/CLC/1200536135630**](http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CGA-LegislativeCouncil/CLC/1200536135630) **to fill out this worksheet.**

1. What is an “initiative?”
2. Go to the Colorado government website and summarize the process for filing an initiative.
3. Choose one initiative you would like to track over time to complete the worksheet below.

Initiative Number:

Title:

Status:

Main ideas in initiative:

Response from government:

Progress (to be filled out every couple weeks to see progression of initiative):

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